



JFW

PTO/SB/21 (04-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

| | | |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) | Application Number | 10/670,497-Conf. #8623 |
| | Filing Date | September 26, 2003 |
| | First Named Inventor | Paul A. Farrar |
| | Art Unit | 2818 |
| | Examiner Name | P. T. Dang |
| Total Number of Pages in This Submission | Attorney Docket Number | M4065.0402/P402-C |

| ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply) | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Technology Center (TC) <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): Return Receipt Postcard |
| Remarks | | |

| SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT | |
|--|--|
| Firm or Individual name | DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN & OSHINSKY LLP Thomas J. D'Amico Registration No.: 28,371 Gabriela I. Coman Registration No.: 50,515 |
| Signature | |
| Date | September 16, 2004 |



Docket No.: M4065.0402/P402-C
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Paul A. Farrar

Application No.: 10/670,497

Art Unit: 2818

Filed: September 26, 2003

Examiner: P. T. Dang

For: ETCH STOP IN DAMASCENE
INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE AND
METHOD OF MAKING

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2004 (Paper No. 062404),
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include an
attached replacement and annotated sheets.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.